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US Environmental Protection Agency Report as of 12:10 PM EDT, 3/30/13

Overview: On March 29, 2013 at 1706 EDT, Exxon Mobil Pipeline (RP) reported a release of crude oil from a 20-inch pipeline in Mayflower, AR (Faulkner County). The total amount discharged continues to be unknown, but estimates range from 2000 barrels to 8000 barrels. Oil spill response crews continue to remove oil from the impacted area. So far, crews have removed 4500 barrels of oil and oily water. Because the oil spill exceeds 250 barrels, it is classified as a "major" spill per the National Contingency Plan (NCP).

State, Local and other Federal Agency Actions: Arkansas Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) requested EPA assistance. RP has oil spill response and air monitoring contractors that will be conducting around the clock operations. Exxon has over 100 cleanup personnel on scene and their Incident Management Team is expected to arrive today. RP contractors continue conducting air monitoring in the areas most heavily impacted. A series of earthen dams were constructed within the spill pathway. It is raining, and thus far the dams have held, preventing oil from impacting Lake Conway. Lake Conway is a recreational lake and is not used for drinking water. Due to the amount and proximity of oil discharged in the residential subdivision, homes will continue to be evacuated.

EPA Actions: EPA Region 6 OSC and supporting START contractors continue performing community air monitoring. EPA has also opened the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund (OSLTF) to fund EPA activities, and is also mobilizing a Command Post to the incident. A press briefing was scheduled for 10:00 AM this morning, and a community meeting is scheduled for 2:00 PM, local time. EPA OSC will be participating in both meetings.

Media Interest: Yes

Local news and TV coverage:

http://www.katv.com/story/21831082/oil-spill-in-mayflower-near-lake-conway-subdivision-evacuated#.UVYYuYhh5Mc.email

http://arkansasmatters.com/fulltext?nxd_id=649802

The EOC will continue to monitor the situation and provide additional updates as appropriate.

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